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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/806,801	Applicant(s) HAWLEY, ARTHUR V.	
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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 9 and 18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kuras et al. (US 5,698,316).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed amendments to Claims 1, 9, and proposed new claim 18 have been discussed. It is argued that Kuras reference does not teach both splice plates and strap as recited in the proposed amended Claims 1 and 9, and the groove in the proposed new claim 18. These arguments will be fully considered upon receipt of the next response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Michael J Sherry/ Supervisory Patent Examiner

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